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SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET OFFER OF AIRCRAFT TO MACIE

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA AND CONTINENTAL ASIA (CASSINELLO) TOLD EMBOFF JULY 12 THAT PLANS WERE UNDER WAY FOR THE PROVISION BY THE USSR (TERMS NOT MENTIONED) TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA -- THAT IS, TO PRESIDENT MACIE -- OF THREE 20-SEAT SOVIET AIRCRAFT, VALUED AT \$3 MILLION EACH. PART OF THE DEAL, BECAUSE THE AIRCRAFT REQUIRED IT, WOULD BE THE IMPROVEMENT BY THE SOVIETS OF THREE AIRFIELDS, ONE IN MACIE'S HOMETOWN NEAR THE GABON BORDER, ONE IN THE NORTH NEAR THE CAMEROON BORDER, AND ONE IN THE MAINLAND CAPITAL OF BATA. WHILE THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF THE PLANES WOULD BE INTERNAL TRAVEL, SAID CASSINELLO, THE POTENTIAL FOR MISSIONS BEYOND EG'S BOARDERS WAS OBVIOUS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE PLANES WOULD BE FLOWN BY SOVIET CREWS.

2. THE GOS WAS TRYING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT THE DEAL, ADDED CASSINELLO, WITH THE OFFER OF THE SPANISH-MADE AVIOCAR, CONFIDENTIAL

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A SLIGHTLY SMALLER PLANE WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE AIRSTRIP IMPROVEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, MACIE MIGHT WANT THE STRIPS IMPROVED ANYWAY. STABLER

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